

# Winter Newsletter

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**Happy New Year to all of you from the Owatonna Gun Club.**

We are looking forward to a great year at the Gun Club and hope that you will join us for your recreational shooting and our ATA shoots. We have upgraded our facility again with new shooting pads and installed one new Pat Trap this winter.

We hope to see you after our opening day on March 4th.

**Stay warm!**

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## 46 teams shoot Summer League; Kyle Wolfe leads all shooters

The Owatonna Gun Club had another successful Summer League in 2016 as 46 teams participated and enjoyed the great targets and friendly atmosphere that the OGC is noted for. Kyle Wolfe led the way with a 295 X 300 score. He was followed by long time OGC shooter Myron Miller and Bob Newman of Alden with 294. Sam Bailey, Dale Otis and Pat Gottberg were next with 293. The Wolfes made it a clean sweep with Becky being the top women shooter this past summer.

Pat's Gun Repair re-

peated as team champions in the actual score division with a score of 1450 out of 1500. Team members were Pat Gottberg, Jerry Chellgren, Dale Otis, Sam Bailey, and Tom Suter. Runner-up in the actual score standings was the No-Name Team #30 made up of Jim Lembke, Jay Nietzel, Suter, Bailey, and Newman. The Straight River Shooters led the way in the Handicap Division with a score of 1425. Team members were Myron Miller,



Kyle and Becky Wolfe led men's and women's summer league standings during the 2016 league.

Tom Crosbie, Todd Herring, Gary Hoyne, and Harold Houg. Ending in 2nd was the NR State Bank Team made up of Kyle Bartz, Tom Bartz, Dave Krampitz, Zach Eustice, and the Godfather Gary Streng.

## OGC to host ATA Central Zone in July; 20th annual Cabela's Shoot June 8th to the 11th

The 2017 ATA schedule at the OGC will include two shoots, the 20th annual Cabela's Shoot and the ATA Central Zone. The Cabela's Shoot has been a mainstay of Minnesota registered shooting for years. Last year we were able to have four

good days of weather and shooting for the first time since we expanded our shoot to four days.

The ATA Central Zone will return to the OGC for the first time since 2014. The Zone Shoot is a telephonic shoot that is held

concurrently at many locations within the Central Zone. We are unsure of all the other locations at this time, but one thing is certain, we will be a host site. The shoot will be held on July 28th to the 30th.

## OGC sets Spring League starting date for March 4th

The Owatonna Gun Club has set the opening of the 2017 Spring League for Saturday, March 4th, weather permitting. Get your shotgun back out and get ready to participate in the 2017 Spring League. Maybe you can get a team together for the Spring League and get a jump on your shooting year. Even though the weather has not been as horrendous as it was last winter, you can help cure some of that cabin fever by participating in the Spring League. We have set the opening day as a tentative date to give us the opportunity to judge the weather and allow us to make a decision based on snow depth and temperature. The answering machine at the club (451-4498) will be updated to give you current information regarding the exact opening date. A brief summary of the Spring League rules are as follows:

**1. All teams must have their sponsor fees paid by April 8th. Any team that is unpaid at that time will not have their scores posted**

**until their dues are paid.**

**2. Individual memberships are due prior to shooting league targets in 2017.**

**3. The scoreboard will reflect your status as a paid member and a paid sponsor.**

Shooting prices will be \$5.00 per round with an 11 round punch card selling for \$50.00. Juniors shoot for \$4.00. Sponsors fees will remain at \$50 and individual memberships are \$25. Life memberships are \$250. We look forward to seeing you during the coming

spring shooting season. Spring hours go into effect on March 4th. The club is open on Saturdays from 12:00 noon to 4:00 P.M. and on Sundays from 9:00 A.M. until 12:00 noon through the end of April. Sunday, April 30th, is the date of our annual Spring Fling Shoot. There will be no league shooting on Sunday, April 30th and only limited practice will be available due to the large turnout of shooters for the Spring Fling Shoot. The last day to post Spring League scores is Wednesday, May 10th, 2015. The Spring League banquet will be May 17th.



Myron Miller tied for 2nd in the 2016 Summer League

## Election of Officers is held

The Owatonna Gun Club Board of Directors held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, December 6th, 2016. Officers and directors were named for the coming year. Jay Neitzel continues as the President and the remainder of the officers remains the same. Troy Zabinski will be the vice-

president, Kyle Wolfe remains treasurer and Frank Schmidt continues as Secretary. The trustees are Dave Friesen, Kyle Wolfe, and Mike Belina. The remainder of the directors are Dan Busho, Matt Harris, Bernie Prihoda, Gary Hoyne, Tim Kidd, Dave Harris, Brad Marshall, Todd Mortensen

and Rick Ahrens. Paul Cyr will remain on the board in a limited capacity. If you have any suggestions or concerns please direct them to one of the members of the Board of Directors. We hope to continue to serve you, the shooting public, not only in 2017 but well into the future.

## Shooting prices remain the same for the Spring league

As a member/customer of the OGC you do enjoy the benefits of up to date and well maintained equipment in an effort to give you the best target presentation possible. We hope to continue to serve you in the future. Despite fluctuating prices for many shooting related items, we plan to keep our shooting prices the same for the 2017 Spring League as they have been for the past three years. We plan to reevaluate target and

labor cost prior to our Summer League season. Currently we charge \$5.00 for member shooting and if you buy a punch card, you get 11 rounds for the price of 10. Juniors shoot for \$4.00. Our membership prices have been changed. An annual membership is now \$25 and the cost of a life membership is now \$250. We have been able to keep our shell prices the same for the coming year. Federal Top Gun and Rio

shells will continue to be \$7.00 per box. 20 gauge shells will sell for the same price. We hope that you will consider shooting at the Owatonna Gun Club during the 2017 shooting season.

**Please note that if there is a change in shooting prices, it will not occur until the start of Summer League in June.**

### Camping Information for 2017 ATA Shoots

Shooters who plan on camping at the OGC during the 2017 Cabela's Shoot or the ATA Central Zone should make reservations ASAP. Camping is reserved on a first come, first served basis. We now have 50 amp service for the first twenty six campers. If you want to reserve a space, please contact Dave Friesen at 507-451-4467.

### Harlan Campbell Clinic for 2017

Harlan Campbell, Jr., All-American team captain, will return to the Owatonna Gun Club on Thurs. and Fri., June 29th & 30th to give trapshooting instruction. If you are interested in attending, you can get more information at [harlancampbelljr.com](http://harlancampbelljr.com) or from Scott Messenger at 507-458-2546. Cost of the clinic is \$375 for the two day clinic. Harlan's clinic includes instruction in gun fit, gun patterning, as well as his expertise in all 3 shooting disciplines. Reservations are required as classes are limited to 6 students.

### Trap Help Wanted

The Owatonna Gun Club is always looking for more trap help for the coming year, especially for the ATA shoots that take place in the summer. If you have a son or daughter or if you know someone that might be interested in working at the Gun Club, please stop by the club and let us know or contact a board member. Call 507-339-2309 (Kyle) or 507-383-1655 (Jay) if you are interested. We would like to hear from you if you might consider working for the OGC. Thanks!

# OWATONNA GUN CLUB

## Spring League 2017

Please be sure each Team Shooter is advised of the following information. A copy of the rules will be posted at the Club.

### General Information

Gun Club Hours: Saturday - 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. (March and April)

Sundays - 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Wednesdays— 5:00 PM ( May through September)

Targets: Orange Dome Targets

Memberships: Annual - \$ 25.00

Life - \$ 250.00

Price: Members - \$5.00 per round Juniors - \$4.00

Non-members - \$7.00 per round

### Shooting Rules

Practice proper **Gun Safety** while at the club and on the firing line.

Put only **ONE** shell in the gun at a time.

**Do not** change positions with a loaded gun.

Do not pick up empty hulls until it is time for a field change, since such activity may disturb other shooters.

**All** firearms must be unloaded until you are on the firing line.

**Ammunition** must conform to ATA standards, with no shot size larger than US standard 7½.

**7. No Drinking** Alcoholic Beverages before or while you are shooting.

**8. Hearing and eye protection must be worn on the line at all times**

### Shooting Program

The Spring League Program will consist of 200 targets, all thrown from 16 yards. Shooting competition will begin on March 4th, and end on May 10th.

Banquet Night for Spring league will tentatively be Wednesday, May 17th



### Handicap System

The Handicap system used will be the same as previous years (23 base).

The highest score an individual can earn with handicap will be 24. In order to receive a 25, the targets must be broken.

### Penalties

A significant penalty occurs when one or more shooters do not complete their targets. Teams will be eliminated from Trophy contention when one or more shooters do not complete the required 200 team targets by May 10<sup>th</sup>. The club reserves the right to withhold a banquet ticket from those shooters who do not complete target requirements.

### Trophies

Winners of both individual and team trophies will be determined by the total score on 200 targets.

Trophies will be awarded to both high actual and high handicap teams. The number of team trophies will depend on the total number of entries in the program.

Trophies to individual shooters will be awarded based on high actual score for the 200 targets.

An individual or team may only shoot for one trophy.

Shoot-offs will occur only if there are ties after the total 200 targets, both on a team or individual basis. One shoot-off per individual, regardless of the number of teams participated on.

### Credit Cards

As many of you know the Owatonna Gun Club has been accepting credit cards for shooting cost and shells for the past year. We initially did this on an experimental basis to see if this was a service that would work well for shooters and the OGC. The answer is a resounding: Yes! Shooters have expressed a very positive response to this service and the OGC will continue to offer it in 2017. We hope that those of you who use a credit card find this service convenient.



Bob Newmann, tied for 2nd in the 2016 Summer

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#### **Gun Club Hours**

- **March and April**

**Saturday: 12:00 to 4:00 PM**

**Sunday: 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon**

- **May thru September**

**Wednesday: 5:00 to 9:00 P.M.**

**Sunday: 9:00 A.M.-12:00 Noon**

### **High School Shooters compete at the Owatonna Gun Club**

The high school shooting teams from NRHEG, Medford and Blooming Prairie have competed at the OGC in both the spring and fall shooting leagues. Owatonna will field a team for the first time this spring. The Minnesota high school program is the largest of its kind in the nation, last spring drawing over 7,000 shooters to Alexandria for their state tournament that was held over a eight day period during the second week of June. Plans are to continue this program at the OGC in the Spring of 2017.

### **Dates to Remember for 2017**

Spring League begins	March 4th
Spring Fling Shoot	April 30th
Spring League ends	May 10th
Spring League Banquet	May 17th
(tentative date)	
Summer League begins	June 4th
<b>Cabela's Shoot</b>	<b>June 8th-11th</b>
<b>ATA Central Zone</b>	<b>July 28th-30th</b>
Summer League ends	Aug. 30th
Summer League Banquet	Sept. 6th
(tentative date)	

Shooters: please note that both banquet dates are tentative. Watch the bulletin board for any changes!